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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.13 (98-0616.12)

Serial No. : 09/652,968

Group Art Unit : 2815

Filed : August 31, 2000

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

a. ☐ Submission previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☒ Submission enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

☒ Postcard  
☒ Check  
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet  
☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

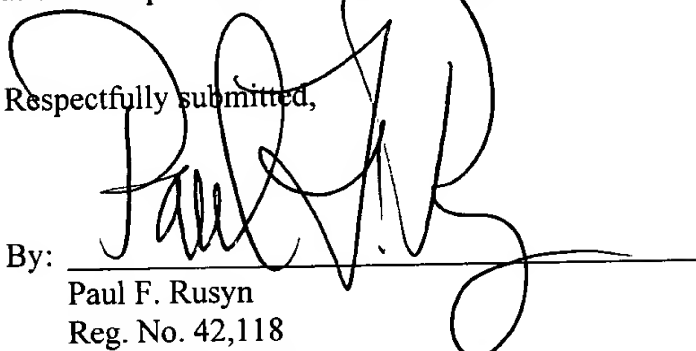
☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

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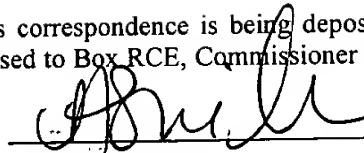
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|------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Applicant  | : Vishnu K. Agarwal   | Attorney Docket No. | : 501082.13 (98-0616.12) |
| Serial No. | : 09/652,968  | Group Art Unit      | : 2815                   |
| Filed      | : August 31, 2000   | Examiner            | : Jose R. Diaz           |
| Title      | : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE |                     |                          |

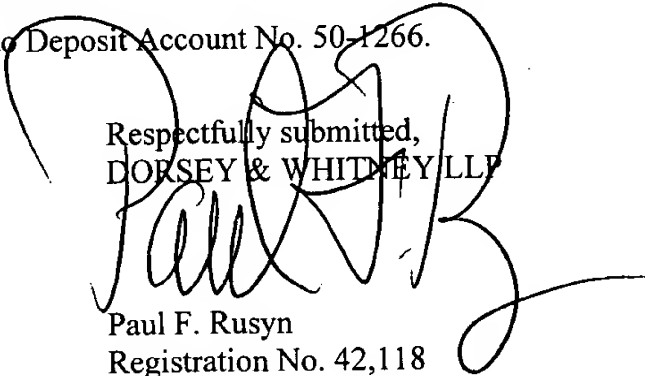
**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)**

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Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2001)**

Complete if Known

Application No. 09/652,968  
Filing Date August 31, 2000  
First Named Inventor Vishnu K. Agarwal  
Group Art Unit 2815  
Examiner Jose R. Diaz  
Atty. Docket Number 501082.13 (98-0616.12)

## **METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☒ Check Enclosed

## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 101                   | 740                   | 201                   | 370                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee     |
| 106                   | 330                   | 206                   | 165                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee      |
| 108                   | 740                   | 208                   | 370                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee     |
| 114                   | 160                   | 214                   | 80                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee |

Subtotal (1) \$ 0

### **2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Current Claims            | Prior | Extra | Fee         | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|----------|
| Total 5                   | -     | 20    | = 0 x \$    | = \$ 0   |
| Ind. 4                    | -     | 3     | = 1 x \$ 84 | = \$ 84  |
| Multiple Dependent Claims |       |       | x \$        | = \$     |

Subtotal (2) \$84

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 103                   | 18                    | 203                   | 9                     | Claims in excess of 20                                  |
| 102                   | 84                    | 202                   | 42                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                       |
| 104                   | 280                   | 204                   | 140                   | Multiple dependent Claim                                |
| 109                   | 80                    | 209                   | 40                    | Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110                   | 18                    | 210                   | 9                     | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

### **3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| 105                   | 130                   | 205                   | 65                    | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath  | \$       |
| 127                   | 50                    | 227                   | 25                    | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     | \$       |
| 139                   | 130                   | 139                   | 130                   | Non-English specification  | \$       |
| 147                   | 2,520                 | 147                   | 2,520                 | For Filing a Request for Reexamination                                     | \$       |
| 195                   | 300                   | 196                   | 300                   | Publication (early or Republication)                                       | \$       |
| 115                   | 110                   | 215                   | 55                    | Extension for reply within first month                                     | \$       |
| 116                   | 400                   | 216                   | 200                   | Extension for reply within 2 <sup>nd</sup> month                           | \$       |
| 117                   | 920                   | 217                   | 460                   | Extension for reply within 3 <sup>rd</sup> month                           | \$       |
| 118                   | 1,440                 | 218                   | 720                   | Extension for reply within 4 <sup>th</sup> month                           | \$       |
| 128                   | 1,960                 | 280                   | 980                   | Extension for reply within 5 <sup>th</sup> month                           | \$       |
| 120                   | 320                   | 220                   | 160                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     | \$       |
| 121                   | 280                   | 270                   | 140                   | Request for oral hearing   | \$       |
| 148                   | 110                   | 248                   | 55                    | Terminal Disclaimer Fee  | \$       |
| 140                   | 110                   | 240                   | 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable   | \$       |
| 141                   | 1,280                 | 241                   | 640                   | Petition to revive - unintentional   | \$       |
| 142                   | 1,280                 | 242                   | 640                   | Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies)                               | \$       |
| 143                   | 460                   | 243                   | 230                   | Design issue fee (+ advance copies)  | \$       |
| 122                   | 130                   | 122                   | 130                   | Petitions to the Commissioner  | \$       |
| 123                   | 50                    | 123                   | 50                    | Petitions related to provisional applications                              | \$       |
| 126                   | 180                   | 126                   | 180                   | Submission of IDS  | \$       |
| 581                   | 40                    | 81                    | 40                    | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$       |
| 179                   | 740                   | 279                   | 370                   | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | \$740    |

Other fee (specify)

Subtotal (3) \$740

Total Amount of Payment: \$824

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